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- Fair silver buskin'd nymphs,  
I know this *quest* of yours and free intent  
Was all in honour and devotion meant,  
To the great mistress of your princely shrine. *Milton.*  
An aged man in rural weeds,  
Following, as seem'd, the *quest* of some stray ewe. *Milton.*  
One for all  
Myself expose, with lonely steps to tread  
Th' unfounded deep, and the void immense  
To search with wand ring *quest* a place foretold  
Should be. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. ii.*  
Since first break of dawn, the fiend,  
Mere serpent in appearance, forth was come,  
And on his *quest*, where likeliest he might find  
The only two of mankind. *Milton.*  
"I would be not strange, should we find Paradise at this  
day where Adam left it; and I the rather note this, because  
I see there are some to earnest in *quest* of it. *Woodward.*  
There's not an African,  
That traverses our vast Numidian deserts  
In *quest* of prey, and lives upon his bow,  
But better practices these boasted virtues. *Addison's Cato.*  
We see them active and vigilant in *quest* of delight. *Speck.*  
2. [For *inquest*.] An empanell'd jury.  
What's my offence?  
Where is the evidence, that doth accuse me?  
What lawful *quest* have given their verdict up  
Unto the frowning judge. *Shakep. Richard III.*  
3. Searchers. Collectively.  
You have been hotly call'd for,  
When, being not at your lodging to be found,  
The senate sent above three several *quests*  
To search you out. *Shakep. Othello.*  
4. Enquiry; examination.  
O place and greatness! millions of false eyes  
Are stuck upon thee; volumes of report  
Run with these false and most contrarious *quests*  
Upon thy doings. *Shakep. Measure for Measure.*  
5. Request; desire; solicitation.  
Gad not abroad at every *quest* and call  
Of an untrained hope or passion. *Herbert.*  
To QUEST. *v. n.* [*quester*, Fr. from the noun.] To go in  
search.  
QUESTANT. *n. f.* [from *quester*, Fr.] Seeker; endeavourer  
after.  
See, that you come  
Not to woo honour, but to wed it; when  
The bravest *questant* shrinks, find what you seek,  
That fame may cry you loud. *Shakep.*  
QUESTION. *n. f.* [*question*, Fr. *questio*, Latin.]  
1. Interrogatory; any thing enquired.  
Because he that knoweth least is fittest to ask *questions*, it is  
more reason for the entertainment of the time, that ye ask  
me *questions*, than that I ask you. *Bacon.*  
2. Enquiry; disquisition.  
It is to be put to *question*, whether it be lawful for christian  
princes to make an invasive war simply for the propagation of  
the faith. *Bacon's Holy War.*  
3. A dispute; a subject of debate.  
There arose a *question* between some of John's disciples and  
the Jews about purifying. *Jo. iii. 25.*  
4. Affair to be examined.  
In points of honour to be try'd,  
Suppose the *question* not your own. *Swift.*  
5. Doubt; controversy; dispute.  
This is not my writing,  
Though I confess much like the character:  
But out of *question* 'tis Maria's hand. *Shakep.*  
'Tis time for him to throw himself, when his very being is  
called in *question*, and to come and judge the world, when  
men begin to doubt whether he made it. *Tillotson.*  
The doubt of their being native impressions on the mind,  
is stronger against these moral principles than the other; not  
that it brings their truth at all in *question*. *Locke.*  
Our own earth would be barren and desolate, without the  
benign influence of the solar rays, which without *question* is  
true of all the other planets. *Bentley.*  
6. Judicial trial.  
But whoever be found guilty, the communion book hath  
surely deserved least to be called in *question* for this fault. *Hooker, b. v. f. 31.*  
7. Examination by torture.  
Such a presumption is only sufficient to put the person to  
the rack or *question*, according to the civil law, and not bring  
him to condemnation. *Ayliffe's Parergon.*  
8. State of being the subject of present enquiry.  
If we being defendants do answer, that the ceremonies in  
*question* are godly, comely, decent, profitable for the church,  
their reply is childish and unorderly to say, that we demand  
the thing in *question*, and shew the poverty of our cause, the  
goodness whereof we are fain to beg that our adversaries  
would grant. *Hooker, b. iv. f. 4.*

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- If he had said, it would purchase six shillings and three-  
pence weighty money, he had proved the matter in *question*. *Locke.*  
Nor are these assertions that dropped from their pens by  
chance, but delivered by them in places where they profess to  
state the points in *question*. *Atterbury's Preface.*  
9. Endeavour; search. Not in use.  
As it more concerns the Turk than Rhodes,  
So may he with more facile *question* bear it;  
For that it stands not in such warlike brace,  
But altogether lacks the abilities  
That Rhodes is dress'd in. *Shakep.*  
To QUESTION. *v. n.* [from the noun.]  
1. To enquire.  
Suddenly out of this delightful dream  
The man awoke, and would have *question'd* more;  
But he would not endure the woful theme. *Spenser.*  
He that *questioneth* much shall learn much, and content  
much; but especially if he apply his questions to the skill of  
the persons whom he asketh. *Bacon's Essays.*  
2. To debate by interrogatories.  
I pray you think you *question* with a Jew;  
You may as well use *question* with the wolf,  
Why he hath made the ewe bleat for the lamb. *Shakep.*  
To QUESTION. *v. a.* [*questioner*, Fr.]  
1. To examine one by questions.  
*Question* your royal thoughts, make the case yours;  
Be now the father, and propose a son;  
Hear your own dignity so much prophand;  
And then imagine me taking your part,  
And in your pow'r to silencing your fon. *Shakep.*  
But hark you, Kate,  
I must not have you henceforth *question* me,  
Whither I go. *Shakep. Henry IV, p. i.*  
This construction is not so undubitably to be received, as  
not at all to be *questioned*. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*  
2. To doubt; to be uncertain of.  
O impotent estate of human life!  
Where fleeting joy does lasting doubt inspire,  
And morn we *question* what we most desire. *Prior.*  
3. To have no confidence in; to mention as not to be trusted.  
Be a design never to artificially laid, if it chances to be de-  
feated by some cross accident, the man is then run down, his  
counsels derided, his prudence *questioned*, and his person  
despised. *South's Sermons.*  
QUESTIONABLE. *adj.* [from *question*.]  
1. Doubtful; disputable.  
Your accustomed clemency will take in good worth, the  
offer of these my simple labours, bestowed for the necessary  
justification of laws heretofore made *questionable*, because not  
perfectly understood. *Hooker's Dedication.*  
That persons drowned float, the ninth day when their gall  
breaketh, is a *questionable* determination, both in the time  
and cause. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*  
It is *questionable*, whether the use of steel springs was  
known in those ancient times. *Wilkins's Math. Magic.*  
It is *questionable*, whether Galen ever saw the dissection  
of a human body. *Baker's Reflections on Learning.*  
2. Suspicious; liable to suspicion; liable to question.  
Be thy advent wicked or charitable,  
Thou com'st in such a *questionable* shape,  
That I will speak to thee. *Shakep. Hamlet.*  
QUESTIONARY. *adj.* [from *question*.] Enquiring; asking  
questions.  
I grow laconic even beyond laconicism; for sometimes I  
return only yes or no to *questionary* epistles of half a yard  
long. *Pope to Swift.*  
QUESTIONABLENESS. *n. f.* [from *question*.] The quality of  
being questionable.  
QUESTIONER. *n. f.* [from *question*.] An enquirer.  
QUESTIONLESS. *adv.* [from *question*.] Certainly; without  
doubt.  
*Questionless* hence it comes that many were mistaken. *Ral.*  
*Questionless* duty moves not so much upon command as  
promise; now that which propels the greatest and most suit-  
able rewards to obedience, and the greatest punishments to  
disobedience, doubtless is the most likely to enforce the one  
and prevent the other. *South.*  
QUESTMAN. *n. f.* [*quest*, man, and monger.] Starter of  
*questmonger*.  
QUESTMONGER. *n. f.* [*quest*, man, and monger.] Starter of  
*quest*.  
Their principal working was upon penal laws, wherein  
they spared none, great nor small, but raked over all new and  
old statutes, having ever a rabble of promoters, *questmongers*,  
and leading jurors at their command. *Bacon.*  
QUESTTRIST. [from *quest*.] Seeker; pursuer.  
Six and thirty of his knights,  
Hot *questtrists* after him, met him at the gate,  
Are gone with him tow'rd Dover. *Shakep. King Lear.*  
QUESTUARY. *adj.* [from *questus*, Lat.] Studios of profit.  
Although lapidaries and *questuary* enquirers affirm it, yet  
the writers of minerals conceive the stone of this name to be  
a mineral concretion, not to be found in animals. *Brown.*  
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- QUIB. *n. f.* A farcasm; a bitter taunt. *Anst.* The same per-  
haps with *quip*.  
To QUIBBLE. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To pun; to play on  
the found of words.  
The first service was meats tongues sliced, which the phi-  
losophers took occasion to discourse and *quibble* upon in a  
grave formal way. *L'Estrange.*  
QUIBBLE. *n. f.* [from *quidlibet*, Latin.] A low conceit de-  
pending on the found of words; a pun.  
This may be of great use to immortalize puns and *quibbles*,  
and to posterity see their forefathers were blockheads. *Add.*  
Quirks or *quibbles* have no place in the search after truth. *Watts.*  
QUIBBLER. *n. f.* [from *quibble*.] A punster.  
QUICK. *adj.* [*epic*, Saxon.]  
1. Living; not dead.  
They swallowed us up *quick*, when their wrath was kindled  
against us. *Psalms cxiv. 3.*  
If there be *quick* raw flesh in the risings, it is an old le-  
prosy. *Lev. xii. 10.*  
The *quick* and the dead. *Common Prayer.*  
As the sun makes; here noon, there day, there night,  
Melts wax, dries clay, makes flow'rs, some *quick*, some  
dead. *Davies.*  
Thence shall come,  
When this world's dissolution shall be ripe,  
With glory and pow'r to judge both *quick* and dead. *Milt.*  
2. Swift; nimble; done with celerity.  
Prayers whereunto devout minds have added a piercing  
kind of brevity, thereby the better to express that *quick* and  
speedy expedition, wherewith ardent affections, the very  
wings of prayer, are delighted to preient our suits in heaven. *Hooker, b. v. f. 33.*  
3. Speedy; free from delay.  
Off he to her his charge of *quick* return  
Repeated. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. ix.*  
4. Active; spritely; ready.  
A man of great facility in business, and he preserved so  
great a vigour of mind even to his death, when near eighty,  
that some, who had known him in his younger years, did  
believe him to have much *quicker* parts in his age than  
before. *Clarendon.*  
A man must have passed his noviciate in sinning, before  
he comes to this, he he never so *quick* a proficient. *South.*  
The animal, which is first produced of an egg, is a blind  
and dull worm; but that which hath its resurrection thence,  
is a *quick* eyed, volatile and sprightly fly. *Grew's Cosmol.*  
QUICK. *adv.* Nimbly; speedily; readily.  
Ready in gybes, *quick* answer'd, faucy, and  
As quarrelous as the weazel. *Shakep. Cymbeline.*  
This shall your understanding clear  
Those things from me that you shall hear,  
Conceiving much the *quicker*. *Dryden's Nymphid.*  
They gave those complex ideas, that the things they were  
continually to give and receive information about, might be  
the easier and *quicker* understood. *Locke.*  
This is done with little notice, if we consider how very  
*quick* the actions of the mind are performed, requiring not  
time, but many of them crowded into an instant. *Locke.*  
QUICK. *n. f.*  
1. A live animal.  
Peeping close into the thick,  
Might see the moving of some *quick*,  
Whose shape appeared not;  
But were it fairy, fiend or snake,  
My courage earned it to wake,  
And manful therat shot. *Spenser.*  
2. The living flesh; sensible parts.  
If Stanley held, that a son of king Edward had still the  
better right, it was to teach all England to say as much; and  
therefore that speech touched the *quick*. *Bacon.*  
Sciz'd with sudden smart,  
Stung to the *quick*, he felt it at his heart. *Dryden.*  
The thoughts of this disgraceful composition so touches me  
to the *quick*, that I cannot sleep. *Arbutnot's Hist. of J. Bull.*  
Scattering gangrenes, by several incisions down to the  
*quick*, is almost universal, and with reason, since it not only  
discharges a pernicious ichor, but makes way for topical ap-  
plications. *Sharp's Surgery.*  
3. Living plants.  
For inclosing of land, the most usual way is with a ditch  
and bank set with *quick*. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*  
QUICKBEAM, or quickentree. *n. f.*  
*Quickbeam* or wild frow, by some called the Irish ash, is a  
species of wild ash, preceded by blossoms of an agreeable  
scent. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*  
To QUICKEN. *v. a.* [*epiccan*, Saxon.]  
1. To make alive.  
All they that go down into the dust, shall kneel before him;  
and so man hath *quicken'd* his own soul. *Psalms xxii. 30.*  
I will never forget thy commandments; for with them  
thou hast *quicken'd* me. *Psalms exix.*

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- This my mean task would be  
As heavy to me, as 'tis odious; but  
The mistress which I serve, *quicken*s what's dead,  
And makes my labours pleasures. *Shakep. Tempest.*  
To *quicken* with kissing; had my lips that power,  
Thus would I wear them out. *Shakep. Ant. and Cleop.*  
Fair soul, since to the fairest body join'd  
You give such lively life, such *quicken*ing pow'r,  
And influence of such celestial kind,  
As keeps it still in youth's immortal flower. *Davies.*  
He throws  
His influence round, and kindles as he goes;  
Hence flocks and herds, and men, and beasts and fowls  
With breath are *quicken'd*, and attract their souls. *Dryden.*  
2. To hasten; to accelerate.  
You may sooner by imagination *quicken* or slack a mo-  
tion, than raise or cease it; as it is easier to make a dog go  
faster, than to make him stand still. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.*  
Others were appointed to consider of penal laws and pro-  
clamations in force, and to *quicken* the execution of the most  
principal. *Hayward.*  
Though any commodity should shift hands never so fast,  
yet, if they did not cease to be any longer traffick, this would  
not at all make or *quicken* their vent. *Locke.*  
3. To sharpen; to actuate; to excite.  
Though my senses were astonish'd, my mind forced them  
to *quicken* themselves; because I had learnt of him, how little  
favour he is wont to shew in any matter of advantage. *Sidney.*  
It was like a fruitful garden without an hedge, that *quicken*s  
the appetite to enjoy so tempting a prize. *South.*  
They endeavour by brandy to *quicken* their taste already  
extinguish'd. *Tatler, N° 57.*  
This review he makes use of, as an argument of great  
force to *quicken* them in the improvement of those advantages  
to which the mercy of God had called them by the gospel. *Rogers's Sermons.*  
The desire of fame hath been no inconsiderable motive to  
*quicken* you in the pursuit of those actions, which will best  
deserve it. *Swift.*  
To QUICKEN. *v. n.*  
1. To become alive; as, a woman quickens with child.  
These hairs, which thou dost ravish from my chin,  
Will *quicken* and accuse thee; I'm your host;  
With robbers hands, my hospitable favour  
You should not ruffle thus. *Shakep. King Lear.*  
They rub out of it a red dust, that converteth after a while  
into worms, which they kill with wine when they begin to  
*quicken*. *Sandys's Journey.*  
The heart is the first part that *quicken*s, and the last that  
dies. *Ray on the Creation.*  
2. To move with activity.  
Sees by degrees a purer blush arise,  
And keener lightnings *quicken* in her eyes: *Pope.*  
QUICKENER. *n. f.* [from *quicken*.]  
1. One who makes alive.  
2. That which accelerates; that which actuates.  
Love and enmity, aversion and fear are notable whetters  
and *quickeners* of the spirit of life in all animals. *More.*  
QUICKLIME. *n. f.* [*calx viva*, Lat. *quick* and *lime*.] Lime  
unquenched.  
After burning the stone, when lime is in its perfect and un-  
altered state, it is called *quicklime*. *Hill's Materia Medica.*  
QUICKLY. *adv.* [from *quick*.] Nimbly; speedily; actively.  
Thou com'st to use thy tongue: thy story *quickly*. *Shak.*  
Pleasure dwells no longer upon the appetite than the ne-  
cessities of nature, which are *quickly* and easily provided for;  
and then all that follows is an oppression. *South.*  
QUICKNESS. *n. f.* [from *quick*.]  
1. Speed; velocity; celerity.  
What any invention hath in the strength of its motion, is  
abated in the slowness of it; and what it hath in the extra-  
ordinary *quickness* of its motion, must be allowed for in the  
great strength that is required unto it. *Wilkins.*  
Joy, like a ray of the sun, reflects with a greater ardour  
and *quickness*, when it rebounds upon a man from the breast  
of his friend. *South's Sermons.*  
2. Activity; briskness.  
The best choice is of an old physician and a young lawyer;  
because, where errors are fatal, ability of judgment and mo-  
deration are required; but where advantages may be wrought  
upon, diligence and *quickness* of wit. *Watson.*  
The *quickness* of the imagination is seen in the invention,  
the fertility in the fancy, and the accuracy in the expression.  
3. Keen sensibility.  
Would not *quickness* of sensation be an inconvenience to an  
animal, that must lie still. *Locke.*  
4. Sharpness; pungency.  
Thy generous fruits, though gather'd ere their prime,  
Still shew'd a *quickness*; and maturing time  
But mellow'd what we write to the dull tweets of rhyme. *Dryden.*  
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